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DESIRES ANNEXATION OF CUBA.

Hon. George A. Bartlett of Nevada and Hon. William Richardson, both abundantly posted on canal matters and conditions in Cuba, by reason of personal observation, and who have just returned from the Isthmus of Panama, are in favor of the canal and are enthusiastic in their arguments in favor of the annexation of Cuba. In an interview Sunday with a representative of the Baltimore American, they are quoted as follows:

"Let me start by saying," remarked Judge Richardson, "that I went to the Isthmus with a deep-dyed prejudice against the whole scheme. I had been on the closest terms of intimacy with that grand old man, Senator Morgan of my state, and was a thorough believer with him in the superiority of the Nicaraguan route. Since seeing the place, viewing the operations, and listening to the candid and explicit statements of Colonel Goethals and his assistants, I want to say that I am wholly and permanently converted. All honor to these men who have undertaken and conquered such a stupendous task. Every problem has been met and solved by them in a way to make all true Americans proud of the skill of our engineers. The discipline, morals, and organization of the forces is as perfect as that of an army. There are 30,000 men at work all the time, and scarcely any sickness, for all the causes of disease have been removed. The workmen are well housed, well fed and contented. Colonel Goethals says the canal will be finished by January, 1915, and there is no reason to doubt his conclusion."

"I most universally indorse all my Alabama colleague has said about the canal," said Mr. Bartlett. "The men in charge of it know their business and are succeeding magnificently. I have a world to tell about our stay in Cuba on the return trip. Before seeing that country I was as bitterly opposed to annexing it as Judge Richardson was antagonistic to the route selected for our isthmian waterway. I, too, am a convert. I believe that the beautiful and fertile island of Cuba should be part of the United States territory. Havana is a dream—bewitching, captivating beyond language to describe, and its streets are as clean as the floor of this hotel. The Stars and Stripes should be run up over Moro castle, and there they should abide. Let Cuba become what fate designed—the Riviera of the United States."

TO APPEAL TO THE U. S. SUPREME.

Notice has been served by counsel for T. B. Riskey of the intention of appealing his case to the supreme court of the United States on a writ of error. Riskey and his forces are taking advantage of every technicality known to law to avoid being brought to trial, or to at least delay any progress in the case. In the hope, it is thought, of eventually escaping trial, possible conviction, and the punishment which would follow. The people of Nevada are almost a unit in demanding that he be brought to trial, and while these repeated delays are becoming nauseating, it is a safe bet they will see to it that he will not escape being brought to the bar of justice, even though it takes years to accomplish their purpose.

There seems to be considerable sentiment aroused at Carson over the lobbyist evil, and maybe (some time, we know not when) a damper will be put in the pipe to stop leakages from this source. Representative McNamara, who has seen enough of the evils resultant from influencing lobbyists, is quoted as defining it as follows: "A lobbyist is a buttinsky, one who tries to influence legislation when he has no legal right to do so." Clean 'em out—it's bad enough at best.

In the event of the closing of the racing establishments in this state, says a California exchange, it is fairly certain racing will be shifted to Nevada or lower California. Negotiations, it is generally understood, have been under way for some time with a view of erecting and maintaining courses on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe and near Tia Juana, just across the boundary line in Lower California, about twenty miles south of San Diego.

Notwithstanding the fact that many towns in Nevada are preparing to observe the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, the patriotic people of Tonopah have not taken any steps in this direction. Time is becoming limited and our citizens should get together without delay, that we may fittingly commemorate the memory of the "Savior of our Union."

"It is about time for some humane society to 'gather in' Carrie Nation—or her hatchet—and place either or both in a padded cell. And again—it shows a weak spot for people to waste eggs on Carrie, especially at the present market price. But in London it's different, don'tcherknow."

The upholding by the supreme court of Nevada, of the Pyne banking law, does not seem to have any terrors for T. B. Riskey. As long as he can deal out the yellow dust to avoid being brought to trial, he can gloat over the regrets of the public.

Now that the county division fight is looming up it is time for the good citizens of Nye—those who are interested in the welfare of the majority—to get busy and see to it that any graft connected with the scheme is nipped in the bud.

The cartoon in Monday's Reno Gazette is a true likeness of the hopelessness of any division of Nye county being made—at least for the present. Zeb's glue pot won't stand for it—not for a minute.

And when the public bath house becomes a reality, the "graft gang" up Carson way can "wash their hands of the whole thing." But like Pilate of old, the cleansing will only be skin deep.

It is little wonder Senator Newlands has such important "biz" at the national capital. Who wants to spend \$65,000 every now and then—just for the sake of landing a senatorial toga?

Senator Zeb Kendall's heart is in the right place, and his opposition to the proposed division of Nye will more than ever endear him to the people of the county.

And after it is all over—after Tallman has worked tooth and toe-nail to accomplish the division of Nye county—he will be all "worked out."

A state eating house at Carson wouldn't be so bad if a fellow could be allowed a different "stenog" at each setting.

A dispatch from Carson is to the effect that freak laws are looked for. Nothing surprising in that.

Graft? Go to Carson. Some there.

WELL KNOWN MEN IN MINING.

A perusal of the news concerning the more prominent mining corporations brings to one's attention the names of leading eastern citizens acting as directors. It is clear that there is a spread of interest among the well-to-do men of the sections remote from the fields of mining operations, men who have made their fortunes in various lines of commerce and have turned their attention incidentally to other investments. Persons whose names are generally familiar are found serving upon boards of directors for mining companies, indicating that they are largely interested in the enterprise represented, says the Mining Record.

One may pick out a number of Nevada mining propositions, whose shares are quite largely in the hands of wealthy easterners, showing that the small investor is not alone in putting money into these ventures. Wealthy men of the west have long lived up to the habit of interesting themselves in mining operations. Indeed, many of these western men have made their fortunes in this way. But the wealthy man of the east has not, as a rule, laid the foundation of his fortune upon mining, and he comes to it as one who has already accumulated money and is looking for investment outlets for it. The most superficial observer can perceive that the number of this class of mining investors is on the increase.

The pioneer type of wealthy mining investor in the east is that of the stockholder interested in the copper companies of Michigan. The center of this interest has been Boston, and there one may find a great many families that have established their fortunes upon copper mine investments. For years this has been an isolated field, in which the speculative operations have been supported by New England people. Its sphere of influence has been enlarging rapidly and at the present time one may discern a merging thereof with the greater movement that is spreading over the east. Once a sphere of its own, the Boston mining share market is now only one province among several. The interest in Cobalts, encouraged by the relative proximity of that camp to the eastern exchanges and curbs, has had a tremendous effect upon the situation, helping along the movement which began with the modern discoveries in Nevada.

There has never been a time when New York City has not traded in some mining shares, but the interest has been greatly subordinated, and the exchanges which dealt in these issues have been quite as much taken up with odds and ends of industrial securities, often somewhat speculative in their nature. These institutions also feel the enervating effect of the new mining movement.

Many of the wealthier investors of whom we have spoken are those who have operated extensively in the old line Wall street securities. They are now giving more attention to mining, for the reason that the mineral industry is prominently to the front and it supplies the new opportunities that virile men commonly seek. In accordance with this newly developed habit do we note the effect upon the older speculative markets. While these will never be neglected, they do not inspire the American spirit as of old. That spirit of the pioneer order, and it will find its outlet in the field of new ideas, of new construction, of new hazards and new wealth.

The opportunities afforded by mining ventures have always been appreciated in the east in a vague sort of a way. The west has been a terra incognita from which strange things arose, from which men suddenly emerged with their hands full of wealth, achieved as if by magic. The notion of the past is of the past. The suggestion of magic has worn away its edge. The wealthy easterner has discovered that there is a substantial business known as mining, requiring just as much brains and deliberation as any with which he has been intimate from his youth.

This, then, is the reason why we behold so many of the class described taking an earnest interest in the mining chance, placing blocks of surplus capital in the mineral opportunities of the west, and, instead of leaving the business entirely to strangers, making themselves at home in the directorates of mining companies. And as this tendency has gained in the past, so will it continue to improve in the future. The outlook in this respect is of fundamental importance to the west and to the entire country. We hope that, in time, there will not be even an imaginary line between the west and the east.

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PATRICK KIERAN

ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Patrick Kieran, vice-president of the Fidelity Funding company, whose affairs are in the hands of receivers, was arrested at his home today on the ground that he is a fugitive from justice. He was wanted at Pittsburg, where charges of grand larceny are lodged against him. Bonds were furnished at Pittsburg and the chief of police sent word that he be released.

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admission has been placed at \$1, and the reserved seats are on sale at the Union drug store.

PROBATE CALENDAR.

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